



From

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Forest Management) &
Nodal Officer, F(C)Act,
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Thiruvananthapuram.

To

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Regional Office (Southern Zone), Kendriya Sadan,
IVth Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road,
IInd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560034.

Sir,

Sub :- Forest Clearance – Diversion of forest land for rehabilitation and upgradation of NH85 from KM 119/017 to 161/300 from Bodimettu to Munnar on EPC mode in favour of Assistant Executive Engineer, Kerala PWD - regarding.

Ref :- Letter F.NO:4-KLB 1255/20-BAN/512 dated 04.09.2020 of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

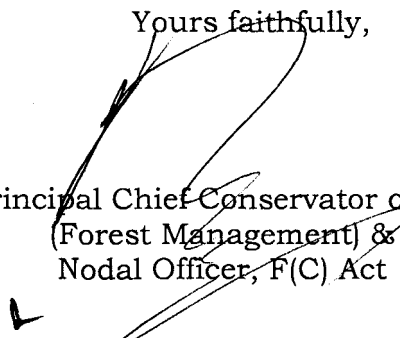
Kind attention is invited to the reference cited. The reply to the queries raised as per reference cited may be found as below.

- i. KML files of all the 12 stretches of forest land proposed for diversion are uploaded in the Parivesh Portal.
- ii. The proposal involves changes in the alignment of the existing NH from chainage 133 + 810 to 134 + 280 for avoiding a hair pin curve by widening an existing pocket road.
- iii. A Mitigation Plan has been prepared and submitted to Chief Wildlife Warden for approval.
- iv. Necessary undertaking furnished by User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-I.
- v. The project is Central Government project implemented by the State Public Work Department. The User Agency has been asked to provide

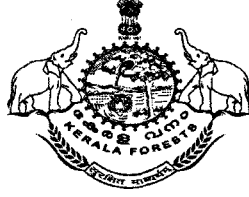
equal extent of non-forest land which is being identified by them through the Revenue Department and will be handed over to Forest Department after mutation for declaring it as Reserved Forests. However as per F(C) Guidelines the compensation principle of 'land for land' and 'tree for tree' is being followed. Hence equal extent of degraded forest land has been identified in the same circle under Kottayam Forest Division which is found suitable for taking up Compensatory Afforestation plantation @ 1000 seedlings per ha. The State of Kerala has been keen on not losing extent of forest and insists on forest land to be handed over to the Forest Department and to do any with relaxations in conditions. The non-forest land will be mutated and handed over to Forest Department before processing stage-II clearance. Hence, the identified degraded forest land for taking up Compensatory Afforestation plantation over equal extent of area proposed for diversion may be accepted.

- vi. The FRA compliance Certificate will be submitted soon once it is received from User Agency.

Yours faithfully,


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2. This office letter on even No. dated 17.12.2020.

Attention is invited to the references cited. I am herewith enclosing the Mitigation Plan Approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden and the FRA compliance certificate issued by the District Collector, Idukki for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosure: As above.

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